

***TOWN OF MARKHAM***  
***ONTARIO***



**BY-LAW 279-96**

**A BY-LAW TO REGULATE  
THE CONDUCT OF PERSONS USING  
THE GROUNDS AT TOWN OWNED PROPERTY**

This By-law is printed under and  
by authority of the Council of  
the Town of Markham

(Consolidated for convenience only  
to January 19, 2006)

**AMENDED BY:**

By-law No. 2006-1 – January 17, 2006

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### **A by-law to regulate the conduct of persons using the grounds at Town owned property**

**NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF  
MARKHAM HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:**

1. In this by-law,

- (a) "Town property" means all properties identified in Schedule 'A' to this by-law, and includes the grounds appurtenant to each such property;
- (b) "Town" means The Corporation of the Town of Markham;
- (c) "person" shall include a corporation, organization, association, club or group.
- (d) "roller shoes" means athletic shoes with a single wheel insert in each heel, also know as "Wheelies" or "Heelys", or other similar footwear.

(Amended by By-law No. 2006-1)

2. While on the grounds of any Town property, no person shall:

- (a) climb, break, injure, deface, move or remove any building, structure or equipment, or any growing plant of any kind, or mark or write upon any building, equipment or structure;
- (b) enter or be in any or water fountain or similar facility;
- (c) throw or place objects in any lake, water fountain or similar facility;
- (d) stand or sit on containers for plants, shrubs and trees, ground signs or other receptacles;
- (e) throw, place, deposit refuse or debris thereon that may pollute the environment;
- (f) rollerskate or rollerblade, use roller shoes, ride a bicycle, skateboard, or motorized vehicle excluding motorized wheelchairs, except in areas so designated for such purpose;  
(Amended by By-law No. 2006-1)
- (g) on any outdoor ice rink, race or skate or use hockey pucks or other objects on the ice rink so as to endanger or interfere with any other person using the rink, or the structures adjacent thereto; or
- (h) lead or let loose any animals in the said grounds except dogs led by a leash or chain of a length not exceeding 6 feet, and every person present with a dog on the grounds at a time when the dog fouls the property with excrement shall forthwith remove the excrement.

3. Without a written permit issued by the Town, no person while on any Town property shall:
  - (a) take part in, demonstrations;
  - (b) solicit or engage in any trade, occupation, business or calling;
  - (c) use any public address system, amplifier, loudspeaker, sound producing or noise making instrument or device, provided that upon issuance of the aforesaid permit, such system, amplifier, loudspeaker, instrument or device used is owned by the Town and operated by a Town employee;
  - (d) light or carry fires or torches, signs or placards;
  - (e) drive a motor propelled vehicle or motorized snow vehicle;
  - (f) erect or place a platform, dais or similar structure or device;
  - (g) display exhibits or any kind of advertising signs;
  - (h) charge admission to any event;
  - (i) camp or erect or place a tent, trailer or temporary abode of any kind;
  - (j) present or take part in any drama, musical, artistic or other performance;
  - (k) take part in a demonstration or act in a rowdy manner by yelling, fighting or otherwise or in any way intimidate passers-by or cause damage to any Town property; or
  - (l) engage in playing any games such as ice hockey, baseball, cricket, croquet, football, golf, rugby, soccer, tennis nor any game that involves the projecting of any object through the air, such as archery, nor any foot races or horse races; or
4. No permit shall be issued for any of the activities described in section 3 above, to a person who has been charged under any section of this by-law if the proceedings resulting therefrom have not been finally disposed of or to any person previously convicted under any section of this by-law.
5. In addition to the provisions of section 2 and 3 of this by-law, while on the grounds of the Markham Civic Centre, no person shall:
  - (a) climb, break, injure, deface, move or remove any building, structure, peace flame or equipment, or any growing plant of any kind, or mark or write upon any building, equipment or structure;
  - (b) enter or be in the lake or water fountain; or
  - (c) throw or place objects in or on the lake, water fountain or peace flames.
6. A permit may be revoked where, in the opinion of the Town, the person has not complied with the terms of this by-law or the permit granted hereunder.

7. This by-law does not apply to:
  - (a) the driver, operator or crew member of an ambulance or police or fire department vehicle or the rider or attendant of a police department horse, while in the performance of their duties; or
  - (b) any servant, contractor or agent of the Town while in the performance of their service for or on behalf of the Town.
8. Any person who contravenes any provision of this by-law is guilty of an offence and on conviction is liable to a fine in the amount of \$2,000.00.
9. Town of Markham By-law No. 244-91 is hereby repealed in its entirety.
10. If a court of competent jurisdiction should declare any section or part of this by-law to be invalid, such section or part of a section shall not be construed as having persuaded or influenced Council to pass the remainder of the by-law and it is hereby declared that the remainder of the by-law shall be valid and shall remain in force.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND PASSED THIS  
26TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1996.

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JANICE HARRISON, ACTING CLERK

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DON COUSENS, MAYOR

**SCHEDULE "A"**

Markham Civic Centre  
101 Town Centre Blvd.  
Markham, Ontario  
L3R 9W3

The Frederick Horsman Varley Art Gallery  
216 Main Street  
Unionville, Ontario  
L3R 2H1

Centennial Community Centre  
8600 McCowan Road  
Markham, Ontario  
L3P 3M2

Markham Village Community Centre  
6041 Highway No. 7  
Markham, Ontario  
L3P 3A7

Markham Seniors Activity Centre  
22 Water Street  
Markham, Ontario  
L3P 7P9

Mount Joy Community Centre  
6076 16th Avenue  
Markham, Ontario  
L3P 3K8

Milliken Mills Community Centre  
7600 Kennedy Road  
Markham, Ontario  
L3K 1H0

Markham Theatre  
171 Town Centre Boulevard  
Markham, Ontario  
L3R 8G5

Crosby Memorial Community Centre  
210 Main Street  
Unionville, Ontario  
L3R 2G9

**SCHEDULE "A" (cont'd)**

Thornhill Community Centre  
7755 Bayview Avenue  
Thornhill, Ontario  
L3T 4P1

R. J. Clatworthy Arena  
2400 John Street  
Thornhill, Ontario  
L3T 6G6

Heinzman House  
135 Bay Thorn Drive  
Thornhill, Ontario  
L3T 3V1